



MEMORANDUM

July 13, 2004

File No. 03-100801

TO: All interested parties

FROM: Rochelle Goss, SEPA Center

SUBJECT: **DRAFT SUPPLEMENTAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DSEIS) FOR THE MAURY ISLAND AQUATIC RESERVE**

This is to advise you that pursuant to WAC 197-11-900 (922 through 948), the Department of Natural Resources has issued a Draft Non-Project Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the following:

The purpose of this action is to adopt and implement appropriate management strategies for state-owned aquatic lands at the proposed Maury Island Aquatic Reserve. This non-project draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement provides an opportunity for the public, affected Tribes, and agencies with jurisdiction, expertise, and interest to review and comment on the proposed action by the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to implement appropriate management strategies for the Maury Island site. This document analyzes reasonable alternatives, the probable significant adverse and beneficial environmental impacts of the alternatives, and their relation to existing policies, rules and regulations.

The alternatives evaluated under this draft SEIS include:

- **Alternative 1 – Environmental Aquatic Reserve at the Maury Island Site. The preferred alternative is to establish boundaries for the Maury Island site and manage the area as an environmental aquatic reserve. This would include the development of the following site specific components:**
 - a. Management plan
 - b. Reserve boundary
- **Alternative 2 – No Reserve Status at the Maury Island Site. This alternative would repeal the existing reserve designation at the Maury Island site and return the state-owned aquatic lands to general leasing status.**
- **Alternative 3 – No action. This alternative would continue to manage the Maury Island site as a withdrawn area and aquatic reserve as established in 2000. Management of the area would be based on the general management strategies presented in the Non-project Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS): Aquatic Reserve Program Guidance (DNR 2002).**

Notice of Public Hearing

August 10, 2004, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

McMurray Middle School, Multi-purpose room

9329 SW Cemetery Road Vashon Island, WA 98070-6105

A copy of the DSEIS and management plan has been posted to our agency website. You may download or review this and other SEPA documents related to this file at our web address:

<http://www.dnr.wa.gov/sepa>

The lead agency will consider all written comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) that are received by **August 27, 2004**. Comments should be submitted to the SEPA Center at P.O. Box 47015, Olympia, Washington 98504-7015 for distribution to the responsible official. You may also email your comments to:

sepacenter@wadnr.gov. Please include the file number listed above on all comments.